

FROM PERU, IND.

April 29th I left for Brighton to attend the commencement exercises. On Saturday evening preached at Greenfield Mills. On Sunday evening had young peoples' meeting which was a success. From here I went to Campbell, Mich. where I preached on Wednesday evening. Here I preached one week to good congregations, held a communion on Saturday evening and baptized one on Sunday. I returned to Brighton where the ordinance of baptism was administered to five young persons, followed by an impressive communion service, forty-six communed. I returned home and had the privilege of attending a communion at Sidney where some of last winter's converts were baptized. After the communion services two deacons were elected.

J. M. Fox.

FROM ELKHART, IND.

Since no news has appeared from the Elkhart City church for some time we felt it our duty to write a few lines. Two have been added to our number since the last report, also D. S. Cripe was restored to the full ministry. So you see the Elkhart City church is moving along slowly. We cannot see how it could be otherwise with brother I. N. Miller at the helm as he is one of those untiring servants of God.

He always holds out the bread of life to dying sinners. If there were only more I. N. Miller's laboring in the field.

HENRY LANDIS.

FROM AURELIA, IOWA.

Again we note a few items which may interest some of our readers. We held communion here April 25. Had an enjoyable time. Will have our communion services with the Marcus church the 13th of this month. Baptized five May 16, in a small stream but as we were having such heavy rains there was "much water." We had expected to use the Whiskey, a small stream, but as there was water nearer and as we are opposed to whiskey, we thought that to use a branch or tributary would do as well. We believe those added will be useful and do good in the cause of God and humanity as they have opportunity.

I want to say here that as a church in general we should have a church extension fund. I believe if we had such a fund in reserve, that the Marion, Ind., church might have been saved and the Beatrice, Neb., church could be saved. While attending the Kanemorado Convention last fall, there was an appeal from Beatrice church, the only feasible way I saw was to make the appeal to the general church, so offered a resolution, it passed the conference, and I guess it passed into

oblivion, as I see nothing nor hear anything of the matter. It's discouraging to us as evangelists to go into new fields to plant churches, and no visible means to hold the work till it becomes self-supporting. I think it's time to do something along this line. The richer churches could give enough to help these weaker points. Then it's mortifying to hear other denominations say you are so weak here or there, that you had better join our church, as you can't support a pastor. The Christian church has its extension fund and is getting means to build house after house, organizing churches here and there, by the little gifts gotten together. I hope our next convention will do something along this line. There is a live Sister S. C. E. at Marcus, but the one my wife helped to organize here is now inactive, but I think they will take up the work again. If they don't I hope sister Grossnickle will get here with a sharp stick. In writing this on the bread board as wife is using the table to iron, and I'm too poor to afford a secretary, I hope to be rich in the next world with Christ.

H. S. ENSLOW.

OBITUARY.

Elder J. P. Thompson, the pastor of the Troy church, passed away on last Thursday evening at 7 P. M. Elder Thompson was a minister in M. E. church for over 20 years. He united with the Brethren church about three years ago, and shortly after uniting with the Brethren church he was ordained to the eldership, and at the time of his death he was its pastor. And under his leadership the church prospered and in no period of the history of the Troy church was there more love and union. Elder Thompson was the right man in the right place, and while the church lost one that was loved by all, he has gone to receive his reward. Funeral by brother E. L. Eccard and the writer, from I Samuel 12:2.

Elder Thompson's walk and life is before us; may we all walk as he walked in the path of the Master. Elder Thompson was 70 years and 3 days old at his death. He united with the M. E. church when a boy and lived a consistent Christian life for over 50 years.

I visited Elder Thompson the night before his death, and he freely expressed himself to me that not a cloud was between him and his God. Oh, he said, I am ready to go. I have tried to set a godly example before my family for nearly fifty years. Peace to his ashes, and may we all so live that we can meet him in the sweet by and by.

SIMON MIKESELL.

Items of Interest.

—The insurance upon St. Paul's Cathedral, London, is said to be about \$475,000.

—The king of Italy, like his father, Victor Emmanuel, only takes one meal a day.

—In proportion to number, Denmark has more cyclists than any other country in the world.

—The Mt. Olympus Volcano in Washington is now believed to be the burning of a great vein of coal.

—The finest lemon orchards in the world are those in Sicily, where an acre of lemons is worth about \$1,500.00.

—A New Canaan, Conn., woman to whom her husband made over his house during recent business troubles, has now driven him from the house and will allow him \$5.00 a week to live on.

—The estimated cost of the Suez canal was \$40,000,000. Its cost when open for traffic was nearly \$92,000,000 and nearly \$40,000,000 has since been spent deepening and widening it, making in all, \$132,000,000.

—It is reported that in Birmingham and other industrial centers in England, thousands of skilled mechanics who used to make guns, etc., are now working double time and earning big wages in the new bicycle factories.

—The first book printed within the limits of the United States was the "Bay Psalms Book," which was issued in Cambridge, Mass., in 1640. Specimens of this publication are extremely rare, and command very high prices.

—The first spelling book printed in this country was entitled "The American Spelling Book," by Noah Webster. It was issued in 1783, and for considerable more than half a century was the standard work used in all American schools.

—Helen Gould's generosity towards the St. Louis sufferers sets a pretty fast pace for the other millionaires of the country. Whatever criticism may be attached to the way Jay Gould made his money the same method does not apply to the way his daughter is spending it.

"God is tender, just like the prodigal son's father, only this difference—that God has millions of prodigals, and never gets weary of going out to meet them and welcome them back, every one as if he were the only prodigal son he ever had."